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THE BLACK ROBE.

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"THE WOMAN IN WHITE," "THE MOONSTONE," "AFTER DARK," "NO NAME," "MAN AND WIFE," "THE LAW AND THE LADY," "THE NEW MAGDALEN," ETC., ETC.

CHAPTER III.—CONTINUED.

The tick-tick of the clock on the mantelpiece steadily regulated the progress of time, and Winterfield's fantastic attentions were still lavished on his dog.

Even Father Benwell's patience was sorely tried when the good country gentleman proceeded to mention not only the spaniel's name, but the occasion which had suggested it.

"We call him Traveler, and I will tell you why. When he was only a puppy he strayed into the garden at Beaupark, so weary and footsore that we concluded that he had come to us from a distance. We advertised him, but he was never claimed—and here he is! If you don't object, we will give Traveler a treat to-day. He shall have dinner with us."

Perfectly understanding these words the dog jumped off his master's lap, and actually forwarded the views of Father Benwell in less than a minute more. Scampering round and round the room, as an appropriate expression of happiness, he came into collision with the side-table, and directed Winterfield's attention to the letters by scattering them on the floor.

Father Benwell rose politely to assist in picking up the prostrate correspondence. But Traveler was beforehand with him. Warning the priest, with a low growl, not to interfere with another person's business, the dog picked up the letters in his mouth, and carried them by installments to his master's feet. Even then the exasperating Winterfield went no further than patting Traveler. Father Benwell's endurance reached its limits.

"Pray don't stand on ceremony with me," he said. "I will look at the newspaper while you read your letters."

Winterfield carelessly gathered the letters together, tossed them on the dining-table at his side, and took the uppermost one of the little heap.

Fate was certainly against the priest on that evening. The first letter that Winterfield opened led him off to another subject of conversation before he had read it to the end. Father Benwell's hand, already in his coat pocket, appeared again—empty.

"Here's a proposal to me to go into parliament," said the squire. "What do you think of representative institutions, Father Benwell? To my mind representative institutions are on their last legs. They vote away more of our money every year. They sit helpless, while half a dozen impudent idiots stop the progress of legislation from motives of the meanest kind. And they are not even sensitive enough to the national honor to pass a social law among themselves which makes it as disgraceful in a gentleman to buy a seat by bribery as to cheat at cards. I declare I think the card-sharper the least degraded person of the two. He doesn't encourage his inferiors to be false to a public trust. In short, my dear sir, everything wears out in this world—and why should the house of commons be an exception to the rule?"

He picked up the next letter from the heap. As he looked at the address his face changed. The smile left his lips, the gayety died out of his eyes. Traveler, entreating for more notice with impatient forepaws applied to his master's knees, saw the alteration, and dropped into a respectfully-recumbent position. Father Benwell glanced sideloug off the columns of the newspaper, and waited for events with all the discretion and none of the good faith of the dog.

"Forwarded from Beaupark?" Winterfield said to himself. He opened the letter, read it carefully to the end, thought over it, and read it again.

"Father Benwell!" he said, suddenly.

The priest put down the newspaper. For a few moments more nothing was audible but the steady tick-tick of the clock.

"We have not been very long acquainted," Winterfield resumed. "But our association has been a pleasant one; and I think I owe to you the duty of a friend."

Father Benwell bowed in silence.

"You are mentioned," Winterfield proceeded, "in the letter which I have just read."

"Are you at liberty to tell me the name of your correspondent?" Father Benwell asked.

"I am not at liberty to do that. But I think it due to you, and to myself, to tell you what the substance of the letter is. The writer warns me to be careful in my intercourse with you. Your object (I am told) is to make yourself acquainted with events in my past life, and you have some motive which my correspondent has thus far failed to discover. I speak plainly, but I beg you to understand that I also speak impartially. I condemn no man unheard, least of all a man whom I have had the honor of receiving under my own roof."

He spoke with a certain simple dignity. With equal dignity Father Benwell answered. It is needless to say that he knew Winterfield's correspondent to be Romayne's wife.

"Let me sincerely thank you, Mr. Winterfield, for a candor which does honor to us both," he said. "You can scarcely expect me—if I may use such an expression—to condescend to justify myself against an accusation which is an anonymous accusation so far as I am concerned. I prefer to meet the letter by a plain proof and I leave you to judge whether I am still worthy of the friendship to which you have so kindly alluded."

With this preface he briefly related the circumstances under which he had become possessed of the packet, and then handed it to Winterfield, with the seal uppermost.

"Decide for yourself," he concluded, "whether a man bent on prying into your private affairs, with that letter entirely at his mercy, would have been true to the trust reposed in him."

He rose and took his hat, ready to leave the room if his honor was profaned by the slightest expression of distrust. Winterfield's genial and unsuspicious nature instantly accepted the offered proof as conclusive.

"Before I break the seal," he said, "let me do you justice. Sit down again, Father Benwell, and forgive me if my sense of duty has hurried me into hurting your feelings. No man ought to know better than I do how often people misjudge and wrong each other."

They shook hands cordially. No moral relief is more eagerly sought than relief from the pressure of a serious explanation. By common consent they now spoke as lightly as if nothing had happened. Father Benwell set the example.

"You actually believe in a priest!" he said, gayly. "We shall make a good Catholic of you yet."

"Don't be too sure of that," Winterfield replied. "I respect the men who have given to humanity the inestimable blessing of quinine—to say nothing of preserving learning and civilization—but I respect still more my own liberty as a free Christian."

They both laughed. Father Benwell went back to his newspaper. Winterfield broke the seal of the envelope and took out the inclosures.

The confession was the first of the papers at which he happened to look. At the opening lines he turned pale. He read more, and his eyes filled with tears. In low, broken tones, he said to the priest:

"You have innocently brought me distressing news. I entreat your pardon if I ask to be left alone."

Father Benwell said a few chosen words of sympathy, and immediately withdrew. The dog licked his master's hand, hanging listlessly over the arm of the chair.

Later in the evening a note from Winterfield was left by messenger at the priest's lodgings. The writer announced with renewed expression of regret that he would be again absent from London on the next day, but that he hoped to return to the hotel and receive his guest on the evening of the day after.

Father Benwell rightly conjectured that Winterfield's destination was the town in which his wife had died.

His object in taking the journey was not, as the priest supposed, to address inquiries to the rector and the landlady, who had been present at the fatal illness and the death, but to justify his wife's last expression of belief in the mercy and compassion of the man whom she had injured. On that "nameless grave," so sadly and so humbly referred to in the confession, he had resolved to place a simple stone cross, giving to her memory the name which she had shrunk from profaning in her lifetime. When he had written the brief inscription which recorded the death of "Emma, wife of Bernard Winterfield," and when he had knelt for a while by the low turf mound, his errand had come to its end. He thanked the good rector; he left gifts with the landlady and her children, by which he was gratefully remembered for many a year afterward, and then with a heart relieved he went back to London.

Other men might have made their sad little pilgrimage alone. Winterfield took his dog with him. "I must have something to love," he said to the rector, "at such a time as this."

CHAPTER IV.—FATHER BENWELL'S CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Secretary, S. J., Rome.

"When I wrote last I scarcely thought I should trouble you again so soon. The necessity has, however, arisen. I must ask for instructions from our most reverend general on the subject of Arthur Penrose.

"I believe I informed you that I decided to defer my proposed visit to Ten Acres Lodge for two or three days, in order that Winterfield (if he intended to do so) might have time to communicate with Mrs. Romayne after his return from the country. Naturally enough, perhaps, considering the delicacy of the subject, he has not taken me into his confidence. I can only guess that he has maintained the same reserve with Mrs. Romayne.

"My visit to the Lodge was duly paid this afternoon.

"I asked first, of course, for the lady of the house, and hearing she was in the grounds, joined her there. She looked ill and anxious, and she received me with rigid politeness. Fortunately, Mrs. Eyrecourt (now convalescent) was staying at Ten Acres and was then taking the air in her chair on wheels. The good lady's nimble and discursive tongue offered me an opportunity of referring, in the most innocent manner possible, to Winterfield's favorable opinion of Romayne's pictures. I need scarcely say that I looked at Romayne's wife when I mentioned the name. She turned pale, probably fearing that I had some knowledge of her letter warning Winterfield not to trust me. If she had already been informed that he was not to be blamed, but to be pitied, in the matter of marriage at Brussels, she would have turned red. Such, at least, is my experience, drawn from recollections of other days.

"The ladies having served my purpose, I ventured into the house to pay my respects to Romayne.

"He was in the study, and his excellent friend and secretary was with him. After the first greetings, Penrose left us. His manner told me plainly that there was something wrong. I asked no questions—waiting on the chance that Romayne might enlighten me.

"'I hope you are in better spirits now that you have your old companion with you,' I said.

"'I am very glad to have Penrose with me,' he answered. And then he frowned and looked out of the window at the two ladies in the grounds.

"It occurred to me that Mrs. Eyrecourt might be occupying the customary false position of a mother-in-law. I was mistaken. He was not thinking of his wife's mother—he was thinking of his wife.

"'I suppose you know that Penrose had an idea of converting me?' he said, suddenly.

"I was perfectly candid with him. I said I knew of it, and approved of it.

"'May I hope that Arthur has succeeded in convincing you?' I ventured to add.

"'He might have succeeded, Father Benwell, if he had chosen to go on.'

"This reply, as you may easily imagine, took me by surprise.

"'Are you really so obdurate that Arthur despairs of your conversion?' I asked.

"'Nothing of the sort! I have thought and thought of it, and I can tell you I was more than ready to meet him half way.'

"'Then where is the obstacle?' I exclaimed.

"He pointed through the window to his wife.

"'There is the obstacle!' he said, in a tone of ironclad resignation.

"Knowing Arthur's character as I knew it, I at last understood what had happened. For a moment I felt really angry. Under these circumstances the wise course was to say nothing until I could be sure of speaking with exemplary moderation. It doesn't do for a man in my position to show anger.

"Romayne went on.

"'We talked of my wife, Father Benwell, the last time you were here. You only knew, then, that her reception of Mr. Winterfield had determined him never to enter my house again. By way of adding to your information on the subject of "petticoat government," I may now tell you that Mrs. Romayne has forbidden Penrose to proceed with he attempt to convert me. By common consent the subject is never mentioned between us.' The bitter irony of his tone thus far suddenly disappeared He spoke eagerly and anxiously. 'I hope you are not angry with Arthur!' he said.

"By this time my little fit of ill-temper was at an end. I answered—and it was really in a certain sense true—'I know Arthur too well to be angry with him.'

"Romayne seemed to be relieved. 'I only troubled you with this last domestic incident,' he resumed, 'to bespeak your indulgence for Penrose. I am getting learned in the hierarchy of the church, Father Benwell! You are the superior of my dear little friend, and you exercise authority over him. Oh, he is the kindest and best of men! It is not his fault. He submits to Mrs. Romayne—against his own better conviction—in the honest belief that he consults the interests of our married life.'

"I don't think I misinterpreted the state of Romayne's mind and mislead you, when I express my belief that this second indiscreet interference of his wife between his friend and himself will produce the very result which she dreads. Mark my words, written after the closest observation of him, this new irritation of Romayne's sensitive self-respect will hasten his conversion.

"You will understand that the one alternative before me, after what has happened, is to fill the place from which Penrose has withdrawn. But nothing can be done until the visit of Penrose has come to an end. Romayne's secret sense of irritation may be safely left to develop itself, with time to help it.

"So I changed the conversation to the subject of his literary labors. The present state of his mind is not favorable to work of that exacting kind. Even with the help of Penrose to encourage him, he does not get on to his satisfaction; and yet, as I could plainly perceive, the ambition to make a name in the world exercises a stronger influence over him than ever. All in our favor, my reverend friend—all in our favor!

"I took the liberty of asking to see Penrose alone for a moment, and, this request granted, Romayne and I parted cordially. I can make most people like me when I choose to try. The master of Vange Abby is no exception to the rule. Did I tell you, by-the-bye, that the property has a little declined of late in value? It is now not more than six thousand a year. We will improve it when it returns to the church.

"My interview with Penrose was over in two minutes. Dispensing with all formality, I took his arm and led him to the front garden.

"'I have heard all about it,' I said, 'and I must not deny that you have disappointed me. But I know your disposition, and I make allowances. You have qualities, dear Arthur, which perhaps put you a little out of place among us. I shall be obliged to report what you have done, but you may trust me to put it favorable. Shake hands, my son, and while we are together, let us be as good friends as ever.'

"You may think that I spoke in this way with a view to my indulgent language being repeated to Romayne, and so improving the position which I have already gained in his estimation. Do you know I really believe I meant it at the time! The poor fellow gratefully kissed my hand when I offered it to him; he was really not able to speak. I almost fancy I am weak about Arthur! Say a kind word for him when his conduct comes under notice, but pray don't mention this little frailty of mine, and don't suppose I have any sympathy with his weak-minded submission to Mrs. Romayne's prejudice. If I ever felt the smallest consideration for her (and I cannot call to mind any amiable emotion of that sort), her [illegible] to Winterfield would have effectually extinguished it. There is something quite revolting to me in a deceitful woman.

"In closing this letter, I may quiet the minds of our reverend brethren if I assure them that my former objection to associating myself directly with the conversion of Romayne no longer exists.

"Yes, even at my age and with my habits, I am now resigned to hearing and confuting the trivial arguments of a man who is young enough to be my son. I shall write a carefully guarded letter to Romayne on the departure of Penrose; and I shall send him a book to read, from the influence of which I expect gratifying results. It is not a controversial work (Arthur has been beforehand with me there), it is Wiseman's 'Recollections of the Popes.' I look to that essentially readable book to excite Romayne's imagination by vivid descriptions of the splendors of the church, and the vast influence and power of the higher priesthood. Does this sudden enthusiasm of mine surprise you? And are you altogether at a loss to know what it means!

"It means, my friends, that I see our position toward Romayne in an entirely new light. Forgive me if I say no more for the present. I prefer to be silent until my audacity is justified by events."

CHAPTER V.—BERNARD WINTERFIELD'S CORRESPONDENCE.

I.

From Mrs. Romayne to Mr. Winterfield.

"Has my letter failed to reach you? I directed it (as I direct this) to Beaupark, not knowing your London address.

"Yesterday Father Benwell called at Ten Acres Lodge. He first saw my mother and myself, and he contrived to mention your name. It was done with his usual adroitness, and I might perhaps have passed it over, if he had not looked at me. I hope and pray it may be only my fancy, but I thought I saw in his eyes that he was conscious of having me in his power, and that he might betray me to my husband at any moment.

"I have no sort of claim on you. And heaven knows I have little reason to trust you. But I thought you meant fairly by me when we spoke together at this house. In that belief, I entreat you to tell me if Father Benwell has intruded into your confidence, or even if you have hinted anything to him which gives him a hold over me."

II.

From Mr. Winterfield to Mrs. Romayne.

"Both your letters have reached me.

"I have good reason for believing that you are entirely mistaken in your estimate of Father Benwell's character. But I know, by sad experience, how you hold your opinions when they are once formed, and I am eager to relieve you of all anxiety, so far as I am concerned. I have not said one word—I have not even let slip the slightest hint—which could inform Father Benwell of that past event in our lives to which your letter alludes. Your secret is a sacred secret to me, and it has been and shall be sacredly kept.

"There is a sentence in your letter which has given me great pain. You reiterate the cruel language of by-gone days. You say 'Heaven knows I have little reason to trust you.'

"I have reasons on my own side for not justifying myself, except under certain conditions. If you are ever in a position of trouble or peril—and God forbid it ever should be so—which you might blamelessly confide to a devoted friend or brother, I undertake, in that case, to prove even to you that it was a cruel injustice ever to have doubted me, and there is no man living whom you can more implicitly trust than myself.

"My address, when I am in London, is at the head of this page."

III.

From Dr. Wybrow to Mr. Winterfield.

"DEAR SIR—I have received your letter, mentioning that you want to accompany me at my next visit to the asylum, to see the French boy, so strangely associated with the letter delivered to you by Father Benwell.

"Your proposal reaches me too late. The poor creature's troubled life has come to an end. He never rallied from the exhausting effect of the fever. To the last he was attended by his mother. I write with true sympathy for that excellent lady, but I do not conceal from you or from myself that his death is not to be regretted. In a case of the same extraordinary kind, recorded in print, the patient recovered from the fever, and his insanity returned with his returning health.

"Faithfully yours,

"JOSEPH WYBROW."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

RAILWAY SYSTEM.

CODE OF SIGNALS GENERALLY ADOPTED.

The following signals are in general use on the railroads of the United States. Some roads still employ special signals, and consequently there is no one established code.

Red signifies danger, and is a signal to stop.

Green signifies caution, and is a signal to go slowly.

White signifies safety, and is a signal to go on.

Green and white is a signal to be used to stop trains at flag stations.

Blue is a signal to be used by car inspectors.

Flags of proper color are used by day, and lanterns or lamps of proper color by night or in foggy weather.

Red flags or red lanterns must never be used as caution signals; they always signify danger,—stop.

A lantern swung across the track, or a flag, hat, or any other object waved violently by any person on the track, signifies danger, and is a signal to stop.

An exploding cap or torpedo, clamped to the top of the rail, is an extra danger signal, to be used in addition to the regular signal, at night, in foggy weather, or in cases of accident or emergency, when other signals cannot be used or relied on. The explosion of one of these signals is a warning to check the speed of the train immediately.

A fuse is an extra danger signal, to be lighted and thrown on the track at frequent intervals, by the flagmen of passenger trains at night, whenever the train is not making schedule time between telegraph stations. A train finding a fuse burning upon the track must come to a full stop, and not proceed until it is burned out.

The following are the engineman's signals:—

One short blast of the whistle is a signal to apply the brakes,—stop.

Two long blasts is a signal to throw off the brakes.

Two short blasts, when running is an answer to the signal of the conductor to stop at the next station.

Three short blasts, when standing, is a signal that the engine or train will back.

Three short blasts, when running, is a signal to be given by passenger trains, when carrying signals for a following train, to call the attention of trains they pass to the signals.

Four long blasts is the engineman's call for signals.

Two long, followed by two short, blasts, when running, is a signal for approaching a road or crossing at grade.

Five short blasts is a signal to the flagman to go back and protect the rear of the train.

A succession of short blasts is an alarm for cattle, and calls the attention of train-men to danger ahead.

A blast of the whistle of five seconds' duration is a signal for approaching stations, railroad crossings, and drawbridges.

The following are the conductor's signals, given by bell-cord:—

One tap of the bell, when the engine is standing, is a signal to start.

Two taps of the signal bell, when the engine is standing, is a notice to call in the flagman.

Two taps, when the engine is running, is a signal to stop at once.

Three taps, when the engine is standing, is a signal to back the train.

Three taps, when the engine is running, is a signal to stop at the next station.

The following are the conductor's signals by lamps:—

A lamp swung across the track is a signal to stop.

A lamp raised and lowered vertically is a signal to move ahead.

A lamp swung in a circle is a signal to move back.

TEMPERANCE NOTES.

Even Bismarck, who has consumed oceans of beer, is quoted as saying that "beer makes people stupid, lazy and impertinent." He ought to know.

A terrible case of misery was discovered by the police, in New York, recently. Three children were found lying on the floor nearly starved to death, and by their side was the father, in the last stages of delirium tremens. The mother had been sent to the island for drunkenness, and the poor little ones had not tasted food for a week. Truly, the sins of the parents had been visited upon the children.

Frank Kearney, living in Boston, while crazed with liquor, obtained in some manner a heavy iron wagon step, armed with which, he amused himself by pounding on fences and doors at the South end. Arriving at the apothecary shop at the corner of Rutland and Washington streets, he commenced operations by smashing one of the valuable plate-glass windows. With a yell he then entered the shop and began an indiscriminate assault upon everything within arm's reach. Cut glass bottles, fancy articles, etc., were thrown in every direction, until a damage of $150 had been inflicted. He was arrested.

Henry Berg, of New York, recently said in a letter to a temperance organization: "I have the courage, some call it impudence, to advocate whipping the man who beats his wife or any other female of the human race. I will go further and declare that, in my opinion, if to every ten rum shops there were to be found a convenient and well-appointed whipping post near at hand, where the fellow who makes a person drunk and he who gets so could be taken, and there receive a dozen or twenty lashes well laid on their bare backs, the number of suffering wives and children would be reduced to a minimum."

Why are girls so injudicious in their tolerations of dissipated young men? It is very often the case that a thoroughly good girl will deliberately marry a man who makes no secret of his bad habits. What can she expect but misery to ensue? A life-partnership should not be entered into without at least as much caution as men display in making business combinations for limited periods. No man selects his business partner from among men who drink much liquor or have other bad habits. As for mere manners and the ability to make oneself agreeable, they have not of themselves influence enough among men to secure a cent's worth of credit or to justify anyone in believing their possessor on oath. A girl who is not old enough or shrewd enough to have learned what are the standards by which men are tested, would be far surer of a happy life if she were to let her parents select a husband in the prosiest manner imaginable, than if she were to make her own selection in the manner peculiar to girls. A life-partnership is not easily dissolved.

Sidney Combs, a pocket-book manufacturer, 57 years old, living with his wife and four children at 35 Greenwich street, was for years addicted to immoderate drinking. It is said that his practice was to drink a pint of whisky every morning before going to his work. Recently he exceeded his usual allowance, and, instead of going out of the house, went down into the cellar, and passed the day in a drunken sleep. Toward evening he went upstairs and asked his wife for fifteen cents to get a drink. She seemed nervous and unwell, and she, supposing that he really needed a stimulant, gave him the money. He went out and purchased fifteen cents worth of Paris green. When he returned his wife asked him if he felt better. Muttering some unintelligible reply, he went into the bedroom. A few minutes later Mrs. Combs, looking into the room, saw him raising a small bottle to his lips. Divining his intention, she rushed in and seized the bottle, but not in time to prevent him swallowing the contents. He died within an hour.—*N. Y. Sun.*

DETECTION OF TRICHINÆ.

To examine pork for trichinæ cut off, in the longitudinal direction of the fiber and by means of a sharp razor, a thin slice of the flesh about half the size of the nail of the little finger, and, having placed it id situ on an ordinary microscopic slide or any other suitable piece of glass, put on it a drop of liquor potassæ, cover it with another thin slip of glass, and keep the two firmly pressed together by means of spring clips. Upon examination with the microscope the thin and almost transparent layer of muscle will show the worms coiled up in their cysts, or moving about freely, according to the stage at which their development has arrived. This of course is on the assumption that the specimen undergoing examination is infected.

The microscopic power best suited for such examination is a low one, ranging from one to three inches, an objective of two inches being the most convenient, provided its defining quality is such as to enable it to be used with a tolerably high-power eye-piece, which in search early stage of examination—the search—is not advisable, the lowest eye-piece being the best.

WORKING HOURS OF LIFE.

Suppose that a man throw away in every year fifty-two days for Sundays, thirteen days for illness, vacations, and interruptions; and suppose that for forty-five consecutive years he works three hundred days a year—a very large average—that would give a man, in the mature part of life, thirteen thousand five hundred days. If you please, there isn't any doubt about that.

Supposing that a man have health and industry enough to work ten hours in each of these thirteen thousand five hundred days, he will have one hundred and thirty-five thousand mature working hours. A man who is forty, however, has but ninety thousand hours left; a man who is sixty has so few hours left that we don't want to shock you by mentioning their numbers. Calculate for yourself how much time is left you. At the end of one hundred and thirty-five thousand hours the mature working portion of a life is ended, and there is no doubt about this proposition.

THE FARM.

Colts should never be shod at a year old. The feet increase in size with the rapidity of other parts of the frame, and hence the fettering with iron is sure to produce contraction. It is soon enough to put on the shoes when the colt has reached two years.

Manitoba expects to rank hops among her chief exports in a few years. Hops grow wild there, undisturbed by insects. Along the wooded lands on the shores of the Fembina there are thousands of acres covered with hop vines, and sometimes for miles the small trees are so interlaced with them that it is almost impossible for the traveler to proceed through the woods.

The usual reports of a probable failure of the Delaware peach crop are being circulated, this time with the added information that there will be no raspberries or blackberries. A Bridgeville (Sussex county) farmer says he is unable to find a single live bud in his orchard of 10,000 peach trees, and, in many instances, the trees themselves have fallen victims to the rigors of the past winter. The same is also true of orchards in adjoining counties, and, altogether, the Delaware fruit growers are in an unhappy state of mind.

Some time since English tenant farmers sent delegates to Manitoba to ascertain what the inducements were for them to leave England and settle in that section. Favorable reports were returned by the delegates, and arrangements were made by a large number of tenants to emigrate in the spring. Now, however, one of the delegates, through the London Economist, recalls the favorable report he was concerned in, stating that under the conditions granted to the Canadian-Pacific road, farmers can not look for any advancement of their interests, as the road can charge the value of their crops for transporting it to market. Such a state of affairs would be merely an exchange of landlords.

The months of March, April and May are usually selected for planting out grape vines according to what section of the country they are to be planted in. They can often be set out much later than any persons suppose, as I have frequently sent them long distances through the mails even after the buds have grown an inch or two, and the vines have yet made a fine growth the same season. However, it is usually best to plant them about as early in spring as the soil is in a suitable condition for spading. The vines may be set out eight or ten feet apart, on almost any good garden soil, spreading out the roots well. Only one cane or shoot should be allowed to grow the first season, removing the other buds or shoots when small. The second season cut this cane back to within two or three feet of the ground, and allow from one to three canes to grow. Surely this treatment is so simple that but few persons need deprive themselves of the pleasure of growing a few vines of this delicious fruit.—*Corr. Country Gentleman.*

As soon as the spring opens the farmer begins to think of his dilapidated fences; he seriously considers how many lines he can dispense with, and how he can best repair what must be kept in good order. While our fathers every year increased the number of rods of their fences, we as a rule, every year decreasing them. Small inclosures are found ill-adapted to our improved farm implements; while with the old hand scythe, the grass on a small field could be cut without waste of time, it is not so with a horse mower; the constant turning required to mow a small field, and the clearing up around the fences requires more time than the progressive farmer of to-day is willing to spare; so he removes the fences that have been used to partition off the farm, and uses the material to mend up the outside lines. This has been done to such an extent, by some farmers, that during the last ten years they have kept the outside lines in good repair, without the purchase of any new material; but the time is approaching when this supply will fail, and some other will have to be resorted to; what this shall be is an important question to settle.

SOCIETY DECEPTION.

Polite society at Paris has invented a new sort of agency, undertaking to pay visits on behalf and by order of such as are by the rules of society bound to do so themselves, but have no time to attend to it. The employes of the agency are a number of men of respectable look, some of them decorated with crosses and orders, and wearing whiskers of various cuts, according to the looks and position of the individual they are to represent. The employer hands to the visiting agent his card with the corners turned up according to the rules adopted. The agent takes and delivers the card personally, and allows the Parisian ton no full freedom to express the sentiments of his employer. The social position of the employer decides whether the agent has to go afoot, or to take a cab, or to hire a specially dressed up carriage, to take his card and message to the house to be visited by proxy.

WINNING RESPECT.

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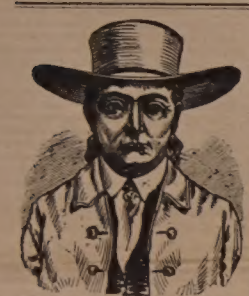

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SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 1881.

NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS.

CAMPTON.

Rev. O. W. Kimball will preach at the Baptist church next Sabbath, April 24.

The cellar is dug and part of the timber on the ground for Dr. Lance's new house. G. D. Mitchell has taken the contract to build it.

The maple sugar season is nearly over. The quantity and quality have been very good.

The boys of our village are somewhat excited over the prospect of the organization of a drum corps. We think it the duty of our citizens to encourage and help them. M.

Persons proposing to teach in the public schools of Campton the coming season, are requested to meet the Superintending School Committee at his residence on Saturday, April 30, at 2 o'clock p. m. QUINCY BLAKELY.

There will be a special meeting of Campton Grange at the vestry next Tuesday, April 26, at 7 o'clock p. m. A full attendance is desirable as business of importance will be presented.

Mr. Charles Moulton lost a valuable horse recently. On examination there were found in the stomach 50 shingle nails, besides pieces of iron resembling hoop iron badly corroded.

The lumber of Davis & Co. still rests on the banks of the river with every prospect of being there for some time to come.

Mr. Orrin Bowe lost a valuable cow this week.

The farmers in the Pemigewasset valley have commenced ploughing, but winter still lingers on the hills whose tops are white with snow.

Mrs. McCausland had a serious attack of neuralgia of the heart a few days since.

The robins have put in an appearance but not a peep from the frogs yet.

AUNT SALLY.

The school in district No. 2, the center, commences Monday, May 2. Davis B. Keniston is the clerk and prudential committee, and G. S. Bartlett the moderator for the current year. One correspondent of the JOURNAL, "H." has several times reported that "the school house question has not been settled yet." We suppose, from the reading of most of his interesting items, he is one of the West Campton correspondents, and that he refers to difficulties which may exist in relation to the repairing and remodeling the house in district No. 4. We would kindly suggest that when he reports, he mention which district it is that has difficulties in regard to their house, so that the JOURNAL readers, who are getting numerous, shall understand what they are reading more readily.

School district No. 7, eastern corner, lost their annual meeting in March. The committee called the meeting all right, but only three persons, one lady and two gentlemen attended. The "meeting" adjourned without being called to order and organizing in due form. Upon a petition of several of the voters, the selectmen have appointed some officers, to wit: Daniel G. Southmayd, clerk, and Moses W. Merrill, prudential committee, so the district can have their schools as usual.

Saturday the 16th inst., was a snowsqually day, and our pet robins and other pretty birds betook themselves to their winter quarters again.

Harum M. Crowell of East Campton, who has had 3 children and a nephew sick with the measles, has himself been sick with them, but is now convalescent.

It was Geo. A. Calley of Campton Bog who had an arm dislocated at the shoulder at West Rumney, a few days since, while leading a cow, instead of Geo. Corliss, as incorrectly reported by "Excelsior" of the *Republican Star* of last week. Mr. Calley had taken his father's farm (John M. Calley) to "carry on". this year, and was leading the cow thither, he having been stopping in Canaan for a year past.

Gordon Percival of Bradford, Vt., a native and resident of this town until 21 years of age, has been re-visiting his relatives here and looking over some of the places with which he was familiar in his early years. Mr. Percival will be 81 years old in May, is quite hale and smart for a gentleman of that advanced age, and has been a widower several years. He lived in Bangor upwards of 50 years; lost one son in the late war, and his three remaining sons all reside in Washington territory. He has two daughters, both married, one in Massachusetts and the other, with whom he has his home, in Bradford, Vt., and one of five brothers only living, Jacob Percival of Mad River street, Thornton, with whom he makes his headquarters while visiting in this vicinity.

David W. Ames has bought one undivided half of Samuel E. Marston's farm, the Wm. Brown place, formerly the Darius Willey homestead, upon which four ministers were reared by Mr. Willey. Can David beat that in the ministry line?

The sheriff's sale of the David Blaisdell farm (formerly the Daniel Bickford) occurs the 26th inst., and the administrator's sale of the Mrs. Eliza A. Fellow's farm in East Campton on the 30th.

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There is a general time of moving now; seldom a day passes in which a load of household furniture or some kind of goods are not seen on our roads.

Freeman C. Smith continues very sick.

Mrs. Martha Blaisdell, wife of Major T. W. Challis of Manchester, is visiting her aged mother, Mrs. Lois Cook Blaisdell at the family homestead.

David N. second son of Rev. Q. Blakely is sick with scarlet fever and Dr. Sumborn of Plymouth attends him. The boy is convalescent.

Warren Chase, the young energetic Plymouth butcher, comes round every Monday morning with a good assortment of meat, fresh, pickled or smoked.

Three children of Mr. A. Worcester are very sick at West Campton of pneumonia and brain disease. W.

There is just now, a profitable field for study in the philosophy of human nature, by noting the expressions of contempt and disgust which are evoked from the leading citizens of Campton by the "cheeky" proposition to increase their town debt from $7000 to $9000 just for the sake of adding the large Republican element of Mad River street, Thornton, to their already reliable, disciplined majority of 50 odd.

What between school meetings, telephone rivalries and secession, the communities of Campton and Thornton seem to be in a regular ferment. One would surely think that religious, private and neighborhood differences might be held in abeyance—well say for a couple or three weeks.

Woodstock is to be heartily congratulated on the successful establishment of its Literary society, in emulation of the Mad River reading club.

The stockholders of the "Pemigewasset Valley Telephone Association" held a thoroughly unanimous meeting in the Baptist Vestry, on Saturday p. m., 16th inst. With all its good natured enthusiasm, the meeting manifested, on a certain amount of trial, no lack of "backbone." Miron J. Hazeltine acceptably presided, and Davis B. Keniston was made scribe. Charles A. Jewell, D. B. Keniston, Moses C. Dole, Gerry D. Mitchell, and Gardner S. Bartlett were appointed by the chair a committee on articles of association, who presented a report which was unanimously adopted and signed. The one special point irrevocably settled was that the line shall commence at Plymouth, thence by the established stage route to Campton proper, thence to Campton Village—with a subsequent provision for extension to West Thornton. The same committee was also charged with the duty of presenting a code of by-laws, which was also unanimously adopted. The company then completed its organization by electing the following board of officers: president, Moses C. Dole; clerk, Davis B. Keniston; treasurer, Gardner S. Bartlett; Directors, Geo. W. Keniston, Warren Damon, C. A. Jewell, Geo. W. Robinson and Fred A. Mitchell. The clerk was duly sworn, the president and directors instructed to proceed forthwith to the construction of the line, and a most earnest, straightforward, business like meeting was successfully accomplished. MIRON.

Jurors drawn from this town for May court are: 1st week, Charles A. Webster, Charles M. Avery, Thomas S. Pulsifer. 2nd week, Daniel Goodhue, Gardner S. Bartlett, Arthur B. Cook.

S. J. PHILBRICK, Town Clerk.

The Belknap Association of Congregational ministers will meet with Rev. Q. Blakely, Campton, Tuesday May 10, 1881 at 2 1-2 p. m. Greek, John 10: 1-10.

Q. BLAKELY, Scribe.

The people in adjoining towns not familiar with the facts in relation to the telephone matters in Campton, but who read the articles in the *Republican Star* of April 20, would be led to suppose that the people of that town were a set of ignorant and half civilized barbarians, full of strifes and wranglings. But such is not the fact. They are an intelligent, peaceable, law-abiding people, and the present slight division over which side of the river the telephone line shall run, we venture to say would never have occurred if certain parties from another town had not interfered and meddled with that which was none of their business. The articles above referred to will be on a big discount in our opinion, as much as Pat's note, 37 1-2 per cent. P.

WENTWORTH.

Charles L. Davis is sick with measles and all who have not got them are fearfully out of fashion.

The remains of Mrs. Pillsbury (mother of Mrs. George Fowler, formerly of this town,) were brought here and buried Monday, the 18th.

Mr. Benjamin Ellison died of cancer last week.

Fred W. Stanyan has been at home, afflicted with the eye distemper, which is quite prevalent.

Miss Susie Simpson, of Rumney, is visiting her friends and former pupils in this vicinity.

Miss Debbie Chase, with her neice, Nellie Corey, has been at home on a visit.

Miss May Cogswell, who has been passing her vacation at home, has returned to Wellesley college.

Mr. Moulton, father of Charles Moulton, is quite feeble.

Mrs. Ruth Leavitt, of Dorchester, is having her house repainted, and will soon be occupying it. TEMPLAR.

NEW HAMPTON.

Twenty cases of measles are reported.

The summer term of the Institution began last Monday, with an attendance of about 70. This is the smallest term we have had for years.

Our wheelwright, Mr. Rich, left us last Monday, and returned to his old home, at Concord.

Mrs. Wm. Dyer had a bad fall down stairs, last Thursday; but fortunately, besides being severely bruised, sustained no serious injury.

About 300,000 feet of lumber is lying on the banks, waiting for a rise in the river to float it off. XENXES, JR.

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C. M. Swain has sold his house in West Rumney, to Munroe Merrill for $450, and moved to Laconia. W.

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In Manchester, March 20, to Mr. and Mrs. Amarish Avery, a son.

In Groton, April 6, to Mr. and Mrs. S. Wheet, a daughter.

In Groton, April 15, to Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Kinne, a son.

In Ellsworth, April 18, to Mr. and Mrs. John Downing, a daughter.

In Holderness, April 16, to Mr. and Mrs. George Huckins, a son.

In Holderness, April 18, to Mr. and Mrs. Warren Worthen, a son.

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TWENTY-NINTH

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Disbursements	391,158 21
Assets	7,000,941 43
Liabilities	6,201,196 98
Surplus by Massachusetts Standard	805,742 50
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Interest Receipts in 1880	377,329 26
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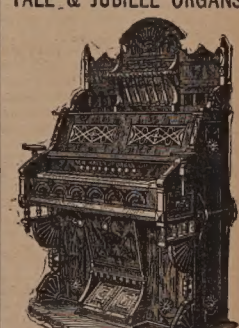

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MEREDITH MATTERS.

Painting is quite brisk.

Fred Blake is going to repair his house.

Hodgson's finishers have been on a striko.

The Arab show netted the G. A. R. $15.00.

Daniel Ames is repairing his new purchase.

J. I. Prescott is to erect a carriage house soon.

Postmaster Cotton's health is quite precarious.

Frank Corliss has moved on to his farm again.

J. F. Beede has been here on a short vacation.

The Mechanics' band use Wamesit hall for practice.

E. C. Mansfield has procured his new spring dress goods.

J. H. Knowles & Co. now have paper hangings for sale.

The Alanson Cox barn is being made into a dwelling house.

Some of the Ashland Odd Fellows visited us Monday night.

F. H. Nicholson recently caught a little over 20 pounds of trout.

The Guy family gave a fine entertainment here Tuesday night.

Fred Blake is to build a shop 25x40 feet near the wharf soon.

There is to be an apron and necktie party at the Town Hall soon.

W. B. Reynolds is going to quit painting on account of his health.

J. R. Quimby is to sell jewelry on the road, on account of his health.

Mrs. John Worrall, of Woonsocket, R. I., has been here recently.

In 1865 at this time the lake steamers were making regular trips.

John Dearborn has disposed of a part of his farm to G. H. Clark & Co.

E. C. Mansfield and J. R. Quimby have bought Fred Chauncy's sail boat.

E. E. Kendrick is going to learn the jeweler's trade of F. A. Ellsworth.

Our brethren will assist at the institution of the new lodge in Plymouth.

J. M. Cate is not expected to recover from his late attack of apoplexy.

Our citizens are urged to help the G. A. R. meet the expenses of Decoration day.

There have been numerous cases of sickness here recently, but none very serious.

The Free Baptist paster had a donation party on Friday evening of last week.

A. S. McIntire lately saw a large number of grasshoppers that were very lively.

Mr. E. Blake has favored his friends with some of his nice maple sugar recently.

There are three Odd Fellows here who have each belonged to the order over 30 years.

The sociable and supper, at the Baptist vestry, Wednesday night, was a plensant party.

D. A. Ambrose has connected the first and third stories of his furniture establishment with a speaking tube.

An addition of 30 feet and new machinery to Wadleigh's box shop is rendered necessary by increasing business.

Mrs. John Clifton has two quilts over 60 years old, a China set more than 70 and a clock that is over 100 years of age.

Mr. Ela has located a new building on one of his Plymouth street lots and placed blinds on his new house there.

The Rollins house recently purchased by Sam Hodgson, which will be occupied by Fred Chauncy is being repaired.

Mr. Clark has disposed of his house on Plymouth street to Daniel Ames and moved into the Butterfield house, on Main street.

"Above the Clouds" was repeated by the Good Templars, Saturday evening, in good style. They talk of giving it in Plymouth and other places soon.

Mrs. N. D. Crockett has a patchwork quilt made by a daughter who died nearly 50 years ago, the child being less than four years old when the work was done.

The barge being built by Mr. Wentworth is for the town and will be used for transporting cattle, etc., between here and Bear Island which also belongs to Meredith.

G. L. P. Corliss' sick hand is said to have been caused by the poison of some animal. Mr. Corliss' butcher cart has been newly painted and he will run into the village twice a week.

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Butter, lb.,	20	25	Wood, cord,	3 50	5 00
Beef, lb.,	4	12	Tallow, lb.,	6	
Cheese lb.,	13	16	Maple Sugar, lb.,	9 @	11
Chickens, lb.,	10	12	Hay, ton,		14 00
Eggs, doz.,		15	Corn, bu		70
Lard lb.,	10	13	Oats, bu.,		50
Potatoes, bu.,	50	60	Flour, bbl.,	5 50	9 00
Pork, lb.,		7	Corn meal, 100 lbs.	1 40	
Hides, lb.,		7	Pork, salt,	8	13
Calf-skins, each,	40	60	Molasses,	40	75
Sheepskins, "	40	80	Vinegar,		25
Honey, lb.,	20	25	Wool, wash, lb.,		40
Tobacco, lb.,	40	1 00	Sugar, lb.,	8	13
Prints, yd.,	6	10	Cider, bbl.,	1 50	6 50
Cot. Cloth, yd.,	5	15	Kerosene, gal.,	17	30
Candles, lb.,	13	17	Tea, lb.,	25	75
Shorts, 100 lbs.,		1 40	Coffee, Rio, lb.,	17	25
Flannel, yd.,	30	90	" Java, lb.,	30	35
Straw, 100 lbs.,		85	Mutton,	4	7
Rye, bu.,		85	Raisins,	10	20
Pollock,		4	Ducks,	6	50
Fresh Cod,	3	7	Turkeys, lb.,	10	15
Hams, smoked,	12	14	Maple syrup,	60	1 00
Geese	8	12	Onions,	2 00	2 50
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SPOOPENDYKE

WANTED HIS PAPER BUT DIDN'T GET IT.

"Now we haven't got much time to get ready, my dear," suggested Mr. Spoopendyke cheerily, "and I won't be late to a dinner party. I want you to fix up so as to be the best-looking woman at the table. You can get ready in an hour, can't you?"

"I think I can," replied Mrs. Spoopendyke with a titter. "Oh, yes! I can dress in that time. And I hope you won't be disappointed in me."

And the little woman began to take down her back-hair.

"You might get my shaving tackle for me," said Mr. Spoopendyke, appropriating the only mirror. "And, now I think of it," he continued, after a pause, "my dress-coat needs a button. Sew it on, won't you?"

Mrs. Spoopendyke lugged out the coat, and hunted through a broken-down old bag after a button that would do.

"Got that button sewed on yet?" inquired Mr. Spoopendyke, lathering away comfortably.

"In a minute, my dear," responded Mrs. Spoopendyke.

"Well, hurry up. I want you to put those studs and sleeve-buttons into my clean shirt," he continued.

Mrs. Spoopendyke gradually got round to these offices, and laid out the habiliments in readiness for her lord.

"Did you take those stitches in my gloves?" inquired Mr. Spoopendyke.

"Oh, yes, certainly," replied Mrs. Spoopendyke, going right to work at it.

"Well, then you can brush my pantaloons, and by that time I'll be ready to have you tie my cravat."

A few moments more found Mr. Spookendyke arrayed completely.

"Come, are you ready?" he demanded, having assured himself that his wife had not accomplished a single step toward her toilet.

"Not quite, dear," responded the lady, with one half her hair in her mouth, and the other half crackling under the brush.

"What's the matter with you?" he asked. "Didn't you say you could get ready in an hour? Didn't you hear me tell you, when I came in, that we only had an hour to dress in? What have you been doing? Why can't you go as you are? You look well enough."

"I was busy fixing your things," faltered Mrs. Spoopendyke, "and I couldn't do two things at once."

"Oh, no! you can't do anything at once! Why didn't you have my things fixed this morning? Why don't you keep house somehow? That dress you're got on is good enough. Why can't you go in that dress? If you've got to put on all the frills, you won't be ready by next fall. A'n't you most ready now? Think I'm going to stand around here like a jug of mineral water?"

Mrs. Spoopendyke twisted up her hair and jammed in the pins. Then she put on her hat, and twitched it first to one side, then to the other; put one hand up behind, and shoved it forward; and then caught hold of it in front and pulled it down.

"Well, if you're ready, let's start," growled Mr. Spookendyke. "You've been long enough for a telegraph wire, now. Come on."

"Oh! I haven't got my dress on yet," pleaded Mrs. Spoopendyke. "I'll be through in a minute."

"Dod gast the dress!" ejaculated Mr. Spoopendyke. "Where's my paper? Give me my paper, and I'll read for a month or two. You won't be ready before dog-days set in. Where's the paper?"

"Take a book, dear," recommended Mrs. Spoopendyke, blushing deeply, and glancing around nervously.

"I don't want any measley book," retorted Mr. Spoopendyke. "I want the morning paper. Find that paper the first thing you do, and then you get ready in four seconds."

"I think you'll find the paper behind —behind the book-case," said Mrs. Spoopendyke, as red as a brick. And she bustled into her skirt, and began clawing at it behind, in an effort to loop it up straight. "I'm almost ready," she giggled hysterically, as she drew on the waist and buttoned it up nervously. "I'll be ready before you could turn the paper inside out."

And she snatched a ribbon from the drawer, tied it in a bow, and pinned it at her throat, and backed away from the mirror to observe how it looked.

"I want to know whether you're going to find that dod-gasted paper for me!" thundered Mr. Spoopendyke.

"I'm all right except my cloak," jerked out Mrs. Spoopendyke. "If you'll hand me my cloak, we'll start right away. It's in the closet there."

And Mrs. Spoopendyke flopped down on the floor, and began putting on her shoes.

"S'pose I'm going to hunt around for that measley cloak?" howled Mr. Spoopendyke. "Can't you get your things for yourself? I want my paper, and I want it now."

"I can tell you what was in it," said Mrs. Spoopendyke. "I can tell you all about it while I dress."

And she looked up at him piteously, with her face all flushed.

"No doubt," retorted Mr. Spoopendyke. "You know all about it. All you want is a can of oil and ten men to be a printing-press. When are you going"—

"Now I'm all ready, dear," smiled Mrs. Spoopendyke, who was nothing of the sort. "You won't need to read now, for we're going right along."

They started off together, arm in arm,—Mr. Spoopendyke growling, and his wife hitching at her various garments as they went along.

"Another time we're going out to dinner, you be ready the day before, you hear?" demanded Mr. Spoopendyke.

"Yes, dear," responded his wife.

And then she thought to herself, "I'm very glad that he didn't insist on my looking for that paper."

UNCOVERING A BURIED CITY.

French newspapers report the discovery in Algiers, by the archæologist M Tarry, of a city which had been entombed in the sand. M Tarry's attention had been awakened by the mound like appearance of the sandy soil, and some digging brought to light, the minarets and upper portion of a mosque. Further excavations laid bare a terrace, a tower, and about a dozen houses, all in excellent preservation. He reported his discovery to the government of Algiers, which has undertaken to have the site thoroughly explored. The place is the southern part of the province, not far from the town of Ouargla, and exposed to the full blast of the sandy winds from the desert. Probably a succession of sirocccos bearing clouds of sand completely filled up the streets and houses, making the town uninhabitable, and so drove out the population. At present there is no ground for conjecture as to the date of the occurrence.

MEN'S FASHIONS.

NEWEST STYLES OF COATS, SHIRTS, STOCKINGS, ETC.

Plain west of England cloth is still the accepted material for fall dress suits. The coat is made with or without silk on the lapels and with unbound edges. The vest rolls low with three buttons close together. It is often finished on the edge by two rows of silk cord or narrow silk braid down the seam at the side.

There is a tendency to use colored goods in underwear. Mode shades and gay silk stripes are shown in colored merino and in fine Balbriggan goods. Colored and striped lisle thread will be worn during the warmest weather. Socks are furnished to match the underwear in many bright fancy patterns. The most elegant underwear is pure silk of the same quality as the finest half-hose, which comes to match.

Two styles of silk hat are now in use —one lower in the crown to suit the young men putting on their first tall hat, while the other, a little higher in the crown, differs from the winter hat only in being much lighter in weight. Different widths of brims are worn suited to the different styles of the face. Derby hats are of different hights, but the leading shape is low in the crown with a rather flat brim. It is the accepted hat for negligee or business wear.

In scarf-pins there is an almost endless variety of designs. A horse-shoe is still worn with sapphires or rubies sunk in gold. In handsome pins there is a fancy for cats' eyes, star sapphires, black pearls and large pear-shaped white pearls. Some of the newest designs in plainer pins are in the shape of tiny plaques of gold with figures of platina or of plain Etruscan gold, with a pearl or diamond sunk in the center. The electric light is a quaint design, with a diamond for the light.

The prince Albert frockcoat of corkscrew or diagonal cloth, in blue or black, is used for afternoon wear or for calling, receptions and semi-dress occasions. It is medium in length with from three to four buttons; with a facing of heavy diagonal ribbed silk on the lapels, which may or may not reach to the button-holes. The vest is cut with a notched collar quite high, and is bound like the coat with silk galloon in medium width. It is always the same material as the coat. The trousers worn with this suit are light and dark shades of fine zigzag striped or hair striped cloth, and this material often has threads of red, blue or gold running through it.

A perfectly plain shirt bosom is now in use. Extremely fine stitching placed very near the edge on the bosom, collar and cuffs is the present style. Shirts for full dress are often made with one eyelet for a single large stud, but many still wear the three studs formerly in use. Bosoms of fine corded pique are worn by a few in full dress, but this is considered extreme. The newest style of collar is the standing straight collar, which is made to meet or to lap over, or with small points turned in front, as suits the fancy of the wearer. Turned-down collars are also worn with a good space in front. Cuffs have square and round corners and are made for linked sleeve buttons, though cuffs for single buttons are still worn. Shirts are now cut quite high in the neck.

For business wear, Scotch cheviots are the favorite choice. They are in drab and brown mixtures and often crossed under the surface by threads of bright color. The coat is a single-breasted cutaway with one, two, three or four buttons, with flaps at the sides, but with or without pockets. The vest is without a collar and is single-breasted. It is buttoned very high with from five to six buttons. The trousers are medium in size and shaped a little to the leg. In place of the cutaway coat a single-breasted sack coat to roll or button is often worn. A single-breasted cutaway of diagonal or corkscrew cloth may be chosen for a morning suit, with a vest of the same material and trousers of the various stripes now in use.

Buttoned and laced gaiters, made of kid and foxed with calfskin, are the ordinary shoes now used for business wear. It is hardly necessary to state that boots for general wear are buried never to be resurrected, and gaiters with elastics are scarcely less things of the past. In place of the extremely pointed toe now often seen, they are advise a medium toe. As soon as the warm weather sets in, low Oxford ties will again be worn. Gaiters with tan colored tops are only worn by gentlemen who from business or otherwise affect a fast style of dress. Gaiters in cloth tops foxed with calfskin or of patent leather, made with a light beveled edged sole, are worn for full dress, or pumps of patent leather with handsome silk bows.

MILITARY HINTS.

In the armies of antiquity regular uniforms do not seem to have been worn, though the warriors dressed more or less alike, and in many cases wore distinctive badges. The Spartan soldier was known by his chlamys of red, that sanguinary hue having been adopted in order, according to some authorities, that he might not become faint-hearted at the sight of his blood or the blood of his fellow-soldiers; though other writers of weight hold that the object in concealing the flow of blood was to deprive the enemy of the triumphant feeling with which, if visible, it might have inspired him.

Among the Gauls the favorite military dress was the skin of a wild beast, whose head acted as helmet, and whose open mouth and teeth gave to the wearer a very unfriendly appearance. The companies and squadrons of the crusaders were distinguished by certain visible signs, such as plumes and scarfs; but throughout the middle ages the ordinary dress of such warriors as could afford a special fighting-costume was a helmet and a coat of mail. In France it was not until 1670, when the soldiers were for the first time equipped at the expense of the king, that regular uniforms were worn; and this custom was gradually adopted in the other European countries.

A Michigan man was recently tried on a charge of arson and was acquitted in a most remarkable manner. Proving to the court that the house was owned by his wife, the judge ruled that as he occupied the house in common with her, and the statute defines the crimes of arson to be burning the dwelling of another, setting fire to the building would not constitute the crime. The accused was accordingly discharged.

These are the days when the man with the shot-gun goes out hunting and gets back with a bad cold. Then Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup takes the place of the gun every time.

NEW ENGLAND NEWS.

Maine.

The Methodist conference for Maine will be held in Portland the 27th.

A young woman of Ellsworth, who was compelled by reverses of fortune to go out as chambermaid, excited the admiration of a rich uncle so much that he has left her $20,000. Of course there is a young man who admired her in adversity, and will now help to spend her fortune.

The Portland board of trade recently adopted resolutions urging Congress to distribute the balance of the Geneva award to those who had lost vessels and cargoes by the depredations of confederate cruisers, or by paying extra war insurance.

The Centennial spring of mineral water in New Gloucester has been sold with adjoining property for $50,000 to the Centennial mineral spring company of New Jersey.

John Fernald of Palmyra, aged about 70, committed suicide recently. He was partially insane.

Outside parties have promised $200,000 to help build the proposed railroad from Bridgeton to Portland, provided the towns along the route raise $175,000. It is thought that the towns may furnish $75,000 of this, leaving $100,000 to be provided for by individual subscription.

J. Montgomery Sears of Boston is to have the most expensive house on Mount Desert island. The lot is said to have cost over $100,000.

New Hampshire.

Fish Commissioner Hayes thinks there would be no trouble in stocking the Merrimac with salmon, if the Massachusetts fishermen would only leave them alone. Four hundred and fifty thousand young ones are soon to be put in the river.

Nathan B. Kinsley of Dorchester has brought a suit in equity against nine citizens of that place to recover some $10,000 which the defendants had paid to substitutes during the war when drafted, and which the town afterward refunded to them.

The incendiary burning of Senator Rollin's farm buildings at Rollinsford recently was unusually bold and especially piece of business. The incendiary, after setting the fire about 3 o'clock in the morning, gave the alarm at the house, where the senator's aged mother and sister live, by kicking at the door and crying out: "Your house is on fire. Get up, or you'll go to ——!" He immediately disappeared. What was his motive is not known.

Editor Moore will be the Memorial Day orator at Nashau.

The house of John M. Palmer, at Hampton Beach, with a stable and confectionery store, and the cottages of Mrs. Horace Marshall, Mrs. Hastings, and Charles Morrill, and the barns of James Perkins and William P. Davis have been burned; Palmer's loss $1600, insurance $7000; other losses and insurance unknown.

Franklin Aiken of Goffstown, 80, was burned to death in his dwelling recently, the house and some small buildings being destroyed; loss, $1000.

The Kearsage mill corporation of Portsmouth are said to be "feeling" Salem, Mass., to see what inducements it will offer for a new mill to be built there.

The old state-prison at Concord was sold at auction for $16,050 to Henry Robinson, who is supposed to have bid for Nahum Robinson and Oscar V. Putnam of Concord.

The trustees of the home for the aged in Concord have bought the Dodge place for $9000.

Vermont.

The amount of freight passing southward over the Central Vermont railroad has more than doubled in a week, owing to the quantity of grain being shipped to Europe.

St. Albans has voted to adopt a plan which will increase the capacity of the reservoirs 32,000,000 gallons, at an estimated cost of $6000, and to organize the fire department on a paid system, if the trustees deem it advisable.

Frank Miner of West Halifax was fatally shot the other day by the accidental discharge of a gun in the hands of L. H. Ballou.

Solon F. Goodridge has resigned the presidency of the Bellows Falls savings institution on account of his business in New York.

The state normal school at Randolph has now 159 students, a greater number than ever before except one term.

Fifty-eight years ago letters of administration were taken on the estate of Levi Walker of Whiting, and the estate is not yet settled.

The personal property returned in Brattleboro thus far under the new tax law shows a very large increase, one man, who has heretofore only paid a poll-tax, returning $10,000. There is said to be a general desire to comply with the law and its enforcement.

Massachusetts.

Memorial Day will be celebrated in Boston this year by quite an imposing parade of veterans and militia, while Gov. Long will deliver an oration, and ode by Col. T. W. Higginson will be read.

Robert C. Winthrop of Boston has had forwarded to him the original portrait of Washington by Turbbull, owned by the city of Charleston, S. C., and will undertake the work of restoring it.

Robert Thom has just returned to his family in Haverhill after an absence of 32 years in California, during most of which time his family thought him dead.

Several finback whales were sighted in the Provincetown harbor the other day and three of them killed, but they all sank to the bottom.

The property of the Franklin beet sugar company, which cost $132,000, was sold a few days ago for $60,000 to liquidate the debts of the company. A new company has been organized to carry on the business.

The report that the widow of John Brown is destitute has already raised a committee in Boston to obtain funds for her relief.

It is said that the Old Colony railroad will follow the example of the New York and New England railroad, establishing cheap fares and rapid transit as soon as its third track is completed.

The supreme court has decided that the action of the town of Edgarton in using $500 of the town funds in 1870 to resist division of the town was illegal, and has ordered the money restored to the treasury.

Miss Harriet Newcomb has given Norton $5000 toward a new town hall.

Supervisor Parker of Boston, who removed an old teacher from a position she had held for 30 years to make way for a young woman from out of the city, it is charged, has not been upheld by the school board, and the teacher will remain.

The city of New Bedford has been sued for $50,000 by the Automatic gas and lighting company of New York for alleged non-fulfillment of contract.

R.I.

A new cable is to be laid immediately to Block island in place of the broken one.

Twenty-two hundred acres of woodland in the reservation of the Narragansett Indians were burned over last week, and it was only by great efforts that the village of Perryville was saved.

The House of Representatives postponed the bill for a prohibitory law to the next session by 33 to 31. One member stated that he had been offered $100 to vote against the bill, and a committee of investigation was appointed.

Rhode Island.

Elder Joseph Miett of the Advent church of Bristol has resigned.

Rev. B. S. Morse has become pastor of the Baptist church in East Providence.

Dr. Saumel W. Butler died recently from injuries received by the kick of a horse. He was about 60 years of age, and had a large practice, from which he amassed a handsome fortune.

Connecticut.

Rev. Dr. William M. Gage of the Pearl-street Congregational church of Hartford and Rev. Dr. E. H. Richardson of New Britain have been given leave of absence for European trips.

A canoe club has been formed in Hartford, and is expected to make the river lively with the picturesque little crafts this summer.

Plans have been completed for the new union depot of the New York and New England and Consolidated railroads at New Britain, but it will not be built until the right of way to the ground is decided between the two roads.

John Rawson of New Haven, a knife-maker, has become blind through the effects of some belladonna pills given him, it is claimed, by a physician of Westville, and for several months has been quite helpless. What to do with the doctor is the question, as it is said that there is no law under which he can be prosecuted criminally, and, as he is worth nothing, a civil suit would be useless.

The widow of Hoyt, the parricide, who was hung in Bridgeport last May, has recently married a New Milford man.

A stove-pipe hat saved a man's life in New Haven Friday, a brick which fell from the fifth story of a building striking it squarely on the top and splitting it in two, but raising only a slight bump on the head of the wearer.

A Bavarian reaimental band has arrived in New Haven on a leave of absence, and intend playing at different watering places throughout the summer.

The Second Congregational church of New London received recently the legacy of $5000, left it by Dr. Seth Smith, who died two years ago.

Keturah Chase, the daughter of one of the Hessian soldiers who were captured with Gen Burgoyne, and who stayed in this country, has recently died at Canton, aged 90.

The Providence and Stonington railroad proposes to build a bridge across the Thames at New London about a mile and a half above the present ferry, to shorten the running time of the road and increase its facilities for freight business.

NATIONAL CAPITAL NOTES.

The first month's operations under Postmaster-General James show a saving in the star route service of $159,765, in steamboat service of $55,725, and in mail messengers of $7529; a total of $223,019. At this rate the saving in this one branch will amount to about $2,500,000 annually.

The exports of petroleum and petroleum products from the United States during February amounted to $2,524,055, against $2,200,314 in February, 1880. For the eight months ending February 28 there were $25,837,391, against $28,234,374 for the eight months ending February 29, 1880.

George W. Manypenny, chairman of the Ute commission, has resigned.

Consul Mason of Basle, Switzerland, reports to Secretary Blaine that the cases of trichinosis that led to the interdiction of American pork in France and Switzerland originated in a family whose members had eaten the raw flesh of a homebred pig.

The general superintendent of the life saving service is receiving letters from the live saving stations all along the coast, approving the new system of brass checks for patrolmen.

The commissioner of internal revenue is being applied to by manufacturers of cigarettes to assist them in securing a reduction of the tax. The point they make is the rapid increase of the business.

The government has begun a suit at San Francisco to recover $204,187.88 arrears of income taxes alleged to be due from the Central Pacific Railroad Company.

The Northern Pacific Railroad Company has begun a suit against ex-Land Commissioner J. B. Power and others for alleged frauds in the purchase of lands.

The treasury department has increased the bullion fund at the New York assay office by a transfer of $15,000,000 gold coin, to enable the superintendent to pay for foreign gold bullion and coin arriving at the port.

The United States supreme court will hear no more arguments after Friday, April 22, and will adjourn for the term May 2.

President Garfield has accepted an invitation to deliver the address at the laying of the corner-stone of the Yorktown monument next October.

The auditor of railroad accounts goes to San Francisco at once. He goes, it is stated, to institute proceedings in San Francisco against the Central Pacific railroad, to restrain it from diverting its earnings to its leased lines.

J. H. Paine, brother of ex-Commissioner of Patents Halbert E. Paine of Wisconsin, has been appointed chief clerk of the department of agriculture, to succeed Gen. E. A. Carmen, relieved.

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN.

Castro, the chief town of Chio, in Turkey, is almost in ruins. Eight hundred corpses have already been found. About thirty towns and villages in Chio and on the mainland opposite have likewise suffered.

Detective Samuel J. Campbell shot Edward Herrman Sagert dead on Sixty-first street, New York. Sagert resisted arrest and attempted to shoot Campbell. Sagert has been engaged in an extensive blackmailing scheme on Louis Strasburger, a wealthy Hebrew, of the firm of Louis Strasburger & Co, importers of watches.

The jury in the trial of Steamboat Inspectors Jayne and Matthews, indicted for manslaughter in New York in connection with the burning of the Seawanhaka, were discharged, having been locked up 28 hours without being able to agree. They stood 10 for conviction to 2 for acquittal.

At the auction sale of the Brinley collection of books, in New York, the Guttenberg Bible was knocked down to Hamilton Cole for $8000.

Advices from Newcastle, Natal, say the Boers are daily infringing the peace terms, looting the property of loyalists, refusing to surrender farms and houses and assaulting the proprietors if they attempt to take possession. The law is powerless.

The duke of Argyll has resigned from the English cabinet.

Mrs. Charles Ballod of Saranac, Mich., known as the Mammoth Queen, died recently. Her weight when with shows was said to be 575 pounds. Her weight before death was 400 pounds.

Brigands near Salonica have captured an Englishman, named Suter, manager of the Opemalia mines, near Mt. Athos, and demanded £15,000 ransom for him.

The police are guarding Hawarden, Mr. Gladstone's Flintshire residance, it being reported that the New York "skirmishers" mean to do him harm.

The Quebec government is in financial straits, the whole of the $4,000,000 loan being expended, and more money is required.

The latest advices received by the Canadian authorities with regard to Sitting Bull were to the effect that he was on his way to surrender to the American authorities.

Luther F. Hurd of Boston, a canvasser for an illustrated Bible, had some words with William B. Finney, proprietor of the Grape hotel at Lancaster, Pa., recently, during which Finney knocked Hurd down and kicked him fatally. Finney is a powerfully-built man over six feet tall, while Hurd was small, not weighing over 100 pounds. Finney was arrested.

A woman and a child named Etta Franck, the latter four years old and quite ill, arrived in Boston over the Boston and Albany road from New York a few days ago and went to the Old Colony station, mingling freely with the throngs in the waiting-room. It was later ascertained that the child had small-pox, and she was sent to the pest-house.

Mrs. Susan Willis Fletcher, the pretended spiritual medium, tried in the central criminal court at London for defrauding Mrs. Hart Davies, has been found guilty of obtaining goods by false pretenses, and sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment with hard labor.

The wife of Pius Fais, a blacksmith, of Wisconsin, aged 40 years, has eloped with Capsar Keeler, a lad of 19. Mrs. Fais, is the mother of six children, the eldest over 20 years old.

The French consul-general at Tunis has protested to the bey against the installation that France intends to dethrone him and occupy the country.

Jay Gould has bought the entire interest of Col. Thomas A. Scott in the Texas and Pacific railroad, it is understood, for $3,000,000 cash.

Glovers Gap, W. Va., is panic-stricken on account of the small-pox. A young man recently came there with the variloid and spread the disease through the town.

NARROW ESCAPE.

De Quincey's "Vision of Sudden Death" was verified in all its ghastly horror not long ago by four men in Oregon. Starting out in a canoe to make certain explorations on the John Day river, they were suddenly enveloped in a dense fog, and so carried resistlessly and helplessly to the very brink of a cataract, where, by a miracle of chance, their boat struck on a sunken rock, and hung there swaying with the current. For the moment they were saved, or rather life and agony were prolonged a little while, for escape to either shore was impossible. And even this brief respite was only a cruel mockery, for they had scarcely time to look about them and take in the full extent of their peril and the hopelessness of their situation, when they beheld an immense ice floe bearing directly down upon them from the rear. If it struck them they were lost beyond a peradventure. It did strike them, and hurled them, boat and all, over the precipice into the seething waters below, where they came to, right side up, boat and men alike uninjured. Certainly there are few more remarkable escapes "out of the jaws of death" on record than this.—*New York Graphic.*

Kansas papers take a most enthusiastic view of the prospective harvest of 1881. The acreage of grain sown last fall was considerably in excess of that of any previous year, and the weather throughout the winter has been such as to favor rapid growth and abundant yield. The sheep interest, too, which is an important one, is in a prosperous condition. Kansas claims to have more sheep in proportion to her population than any state in the Union, or any country in the world. The cattle interest is also advancing at a rapid rate, and assuming proportions that are hardly short of the marvelous. Southern and southwestern Kansas have the major share of this industry, though large herds can now be found in every county.

Some arithmetical chap has figured out that Vanderbilt's income would allow him to visit 8,000 circuses, eat 10,000 pints of peanuts and drink 5,000 glasses of lemonade every day in the year. But he doesn't do it. Thus it can be seen that wealth is given to those who don't know how to enjoy it.—*Boston Post.*

The New Orleans *Picayune* says that a man should be the boss of himself. But suppose the poor fellow is married. —*Philadelphia Bulletin.*

[Detroit Post and Tribune.]

"I have a little girl," said Mr. Henry Dole of this city, in a conversation, "who was troubled with a severe lame ness in her legs, pronounced by some Erysipelas, by others Rheumatism. I had tried several remedies without effect, when I was induced to try St. Jacobs Oil, and I am happy to say that the use of but one bottle cured her, and she is now able to go to school again."

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[Attleboro Chronicle.]

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Mr. John Etzensperger, manufacturing jeweler of North Attleboro, Mass., lately communicated to us the following: I suffered so much with pains in my arm, that at times I was completely helpless. I used that incomparable remedy St. Jacobs Oil, and was completely cured as if by magic.

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